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FOLLOWING ADDENDUM IS CORRECTION TO REFTEL:

7. CONFERENCE CONCLUDED WITH THREE-FOLD RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR FUTURE JAPANESE POLICY IN SOUTH ASIA: (A) THAT THE
GOJ DEMONSTRATE GREATER INTEREST IN THE REGION THROUGH
HIGH LEVEL VISITS, PARTICULARLY TO INDIA WHICH HAS
EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CABINET
LEVEL VISITORS SINCE 1970; (B) THAT THE GOJ CONTINUE
SELECTED PROGRAMS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; AND (C) THAT
GOJ EXPAND PROGRAMS OF EXCHANGE, POSSIBLY IN THE
CULTURAL FIELD.

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8. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT FROM TAJIMA'S

DESCRIPTION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT, DESPITE
GOJ'S EXPRESSIONS OF GREATER INTEREST IN SOUTH ASIA,
THERE ARE NOT YET SPECIFIC PLANS FOR INCREASED
JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN THAT REGION IN THE
IMMEDIATE FUTURE. TAJIMA NOTED THAT A CABINET LEVEL
VISIT WOULD BE OUT OF THE QUESTION UNTIL WELL INTO
NEXT YEAR AND THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND EXCHANGE WERE "HOPEFUL" IN
NATURE. END COMMENT.
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